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The OMPP to change its policy regarding physician certification for long-term care services (450B)

Effective January 1, 2013, the current [Physician Certification for Long-Term Care Services \(450B\) document](#) (search for form #38143 at Forms.in.gov) will no longer be limited to only the physician's signature. The physician may now delegate that responsibility – within his or her scope of practice – to either a physician assistant (PA) or a nurse practitioner (NP) for whom the physician has supervisory responsibilities. All PAs and NPs must adhere to, and maintain compliance, within their own scope of practice.

This change in policy and practice affects the following:

- Pre-admission screening (PAS)
- Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR)
- Nursing facility requests for continued stays
- Nursing facility transfers
- New Medicaid pay status
- Clients transitioning from the Medicaid Waiver program to nursing facility admissions

Nursing facilities must develop a policy regarding their process for assuring compliance with the delegation of the physician's authority to the PA or NP.

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Based on this expansion of 450B signatory responsibility, we are requesting completed 450B forms be submitted to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)/PAS office within 14 days of the nursing facility admission date for those that require AAA/PAS processing.

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